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Thank you for encouraging staff to submit an application to the System for Early Education and Development (SEED). In an effort to adhere to both Federal statute and regulation under Part C of IDEA it is a condition of your grant that all ILP staff and contractors working 20 hours or more per week and have contact with children and families submit an application to the SEED registry prior to June 30, 2010.

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act 2004 requires:

...the establishment and maintenance of qualifications to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out this part are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including the establishment and maintenance of qualifications that are consistent with any State-approved or recognized certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements that apply to the area in which such personnel are providing early intervention services (Sec. 635 (a)9).

Moving to non provisional

Due to the variety of professions recognized as highly qualified* the Part C office, in conjunction with the professional development committee, is in the process of developing an in-service training. This training will ensure that all ILP providers in Alaska have a shared vision, core knowledge, and competencies pertaining to Part C practices and their work with infants, toddlers, and families. When providers complete the Part C in-service they will move to non-provisional status.

Attached you will find a copy of the new description of SEED levels and the distribution of "Highly Qualified" Staff in the State ILP system.

Thank you for your great work supporting infants, toddlers, and families in Alaska.

Sincerely,
Erin Kinavey M.Ed.
Part C Coordinator/ Early Intervention Manager

***Section 303.12(a)(3)(ii) provides that early intervention services must be provided by qualified personnel.**

(e) Qualified personnel. Early intervention services must be provided by qualified personnel, including--

- (1) Audiologists;
- (2) Family therapists;
- (3) Nurses; *(removed in the proposed regulations)*
- (4) Nutritionists;
- (5) Occupational therapists;
- (6) Orientation and mobility specialists;
- (7) Pediatricians and other physicians;
- (8) Physical therapists;
- (9) Psychologists;
- (10) Social workers;
- (11) Special educators; and
- (12) Speech and language pathologists.

If you have staff who have not submitted an application, a current SEED ILP application can be obtained through the State of Alaska website, Department of Health and Social Services, Children's Services, Infant Learning Program>resources.

Alaska Infant Learning Provider SEED Distribution as March, 2010

Attached is a new SEED ILP matrix explaining the new levels with criteria. Here is the current distribution of SEED Levels: (81 ILP participants)

SEED Level 11	40	SEED Level 8	1
SEED Level 10	13	SEED Level 7	3
SEED Level 9	15	SEED Level 1	1
Additional SEED Level 9's (<i>currently working on a degree or waiting for paperwork</i>)			8
Not yet registered			Approximately 38

Providers will soon receive a new certificate from the SEED registry indicating their new SEED Level

If you have questions about the Part C in-service training process and requirements and what this may mean for hiring practices please contact Meghan Johnson, state training coordinator at 375-8292 or email at Meghan.johnson@alaska.gov.